



## NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY febbraio 2019

### JANUARY MEETING

Riunione gennaio

Our speaker was supposed to be Mr. Tim Kehres, the Executive Director of Big Brothers and Sisters of Northeast Ohio. Tim was unable to make it so our speaker was his assistant, Shannon Majewski. She explain how Big Brothers and Sisters of Northeast Ohio had changed their name to Torchlight and went into detail about their mission.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

#### FEBRUARY febbraio

##### 20 February, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

##### 27 February, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Steve Legerski, Show Manager of the Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Power Auto-Rama.

#### MARCH marzo

##### 20 March, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

##### 27 March, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be A.J. Petitti, President of Petitti Garden Centers.

#### APRIL aprile

##### 13 April, Saturday:

AIHC Italian Night at LaMalfa @ 6:30p. The event is coordinated by Bill Petrello and Mike LaMalfa. This is the second of our Charities three annual fund raisers.

*Reservations are required*

##### 10 April, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at LaMalfa @ 5:30p.

##### 17 April, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

##### 24 April, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President, Public Relations for the Cleveland Indians.

#### MAY maggio

##### 7 May, Tuesday

AIHC Appreciation Night. The evening will start with dinner at Pastina's, here in Mentor, then,

chartered buses will take us to Playhouse Square where we will see *A Bronx Tale*. We have 80 seats in Orchestra A and B. The cost will be \$150.00 per couple.

*Reservations are required*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di febbraio

Louis Aliberti .....	4
Dr. Ronald Taddeo .....	10
John Perrotti .....	15
Jim Federico Jr. ....	16
Carmen Cesa .....	24

When you see these members this month, be sure to wish them buon compleanno.

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

- Sal Corbo is recovering from a fall at the Monte Fiore Rehab Center.
- Mike LaMalfa's wife, Loretta, is recovering from shoulder surgery and receiving physical therapy.
- John D'Angelo's brother Rudy, passed away on 28 November 2018.
- Joe Dardis passed away on 19 December 2018, at 104.
- Tony Cicirella's mother, Almenia, passed away on 16 January 2019.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lo sapevate?

The year 1254 saw the birth of one of the world's most daring explorers. Marco Polo grew up in Venice and from there famously travelled to Asia along the Silk Road. His adventures lasted a quarter of a century, during which time he became a confidant of Kublai Khan. His departure from the Mongol Empire was permitted only to escort Princess Kokachin to Persia to be married. Only 18 people survived the two-year long journey, on which they had set out with 100 ships and 600 crew and passengers. Thankfully, Marco Polo and the Princess were among them.

Upon his return to Venice, Marco joined the war against Genoa, where he was captured and imprisoned. While in prison, he recounted his adventures to fellow inmate and romance writer Rustichello of Pisa, who put the stories to paper. *The Travels of Marco Polo* quickly

became Europe's most popular book and made Marco Polo an instant celebrity. People were captivated by the exotic customs of the Far East, but many readers found the stories difficult to believe. The book soon became to be known as *Il Milione* (lit. "The Million" – *A Million Lies*).

After his release in 1299, Marco Polo returned to Venice, where he married, had three daughters, and continued to work in the family business until his death on January 8, 1324. The stories of Marco Polo inspired many explorers including Christopher Columbus, who set sail in 1492 with a copy of *The Travels of Marco Polo* in hand.

*From "Living Language, Italian 2019 Calendar"*

### "BUSINESS CARD ADS" ON OUR WEBSITE

The club would like to extend the opportunity to its members to have a "Business Card ad" on our AIH Website. There is no cost to the member. If you're interested, send one of your business cards and a brief write up about your company to Dave Vegh, 8688 Applewood Court, Mentor, Ohio 44060, ph: 440-255-8944 email: [DJVegh@gmail.com](mailto:DJVegh@gmail.com)

### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Association is to promote the moral, social and civic advancement of its membership, and to perpetuate the customs and cultural aspects of Italian Heritage.

*Article II, Section 1 of the AIH Bylaws*

### AMERICANS of ITALIAN HERITAGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020

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